Upgradation of Bhubaneshwar Air port

6. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to expand and upgrade Bhubaneshwar airport;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made so far in the acquisition of additional land, if required for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Orissa has sought the extension of the runway at Bhubaneshwar airport to 9000 feet to enable the airport to receive wide-bodied aircraft.

(c) The State Government is to make available nearly 70 acres of land free of cost and carry out diversion of roads and electric lines.

Japanese offer for setting up a Tourism institute

7. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Japan have offered assistance for setting up a tourism institute in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon; and

(c) the time schedule for the establishment and development of the proposed institute?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. No financial assistance has been offered by the Government of Japan for constructing a Tourism Institute in India. However, a project had been prepared in the past for obtaining technical equipment under Japanese grant aid for use in the Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management when its campus is constructed.

(c) No time schedule has been laid for the development of the Institute or construction of its campus.

राजस्थान के शहरों के लिये विमान सेवायें

8. **श्री भंवर लाल शर्मा:** क्या नागर **विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली-जयपुर- जोधपुर होकर मुम्बई के लिए आई सी 491 और आई सी 492 की सेवा कब तक पुनः शुरू कर दिये जाने की संभावना है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार पर्यटकों और अन्य यात्रियों को सुविधायें प्रदान करने हेतु दिल्ली-जयपुर-जोधपुर होकर जैसलमेर के लिए एक अतिरिक्त सेवा प्रारंभ करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके कब तक शुरू कर दिये जाने की संभावना है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) 1991 की शरदकालीन समयावली में इसकी योजना है ।

(ख) और (ग) 1991 की शरदकालीन समयावली में इस सेवा की भी योजना तैयार की जा रही है ।

Private sector participation in power Generation

9. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 91 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th July, 1991 and state:

(a) whether foreign firms have shown interest in the power generation sector;

(b) if so, what are the details of offers and proposals received since policy has been liberalised; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to involve foreign firms in existing power generating units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INDEPENDENT CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) While some firms from the West have shown interest in setting up power stations in the private sector, no detailed proposals in this regard has been received so far.

Beautification of Elephanta Caves

10. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state: (a) the steps taken by the Central Government for the beautification and further development of Elephanta Caves in Maharashtra as a tourist attraction spot?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): Development and beautification of any place for tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, the Central Department of Tourism have extended financial assistance for strengthening of the existing jetty at Elephanta and provision of public conveniences through Archaeological Survey of India.

Air India's Contract to Private Parties for Transport

11. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India is giving contract to private parties for the transport of cabin crew from residence to the place of work and back;

(b) if so, whether the management has received complaints about the service of the private transporters;

(c) the nature of such complaints received during the past one year and the action taken by the management on such complaints; and

(d) whether Air India would consider to increase its transport department vehicles so as to overcome that difficulties being faced by the cabin crew?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The complaint received was of a minor nature regarding the inability of the vehicle to reach the residence of one of the cabin crew.

(d) No, Sir.

Facilities to Foreign Tourists

12. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have any scheme to coordinate the activities of the Departments of Tourism in all States; and

(b) whether different State Road Transport Corporations and the Indian Railways offer any special facilities to the foreign tourists who visit India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) According to the available information, the State Road Transport Corporations offer no special facilities to the foreign tourists. However, Indian Railways offer special facilities to foreign tourists,